

HOUSE BILL 2856  
By Hood

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7  
and Title 49, Chapter 8, relative to higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-202(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(1) Develop a master plan for the future development of public higher education in Tennessee, taking into account the programs and functions of each of the existing institutions, and to make recommendations to the governing boards of the various institutions and to the governor and the general assembly for the implementation of the plan. The plan shall include funding recommendations and shall contain detailed explanation of the need for any funding increases. The master plan shall be published in accordance with the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the state publications committee.

The provisions of this subdivision (c)(1) shall apply to state technology centers;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-202(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (7) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(7) Submit a biennial report to the governor and the general assembly, commenting upon major developments, trends, new policies, budgets and financial considerations which in the judgment of the commission will be useful to the governor and to the general assembly in planning for the sound and adequate development of the state's program of public higher education. The report shall contain detailed explanation of the need for any funding increases.

The provisions of this subsection shall apply to state technology centers;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-202, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

(f) The board shall develop a master plan for the future development of public higher education in Tennessee, taking into account the programs and functions of each of its existing institutions, and to make recommendations to the governor and the general assembly for the implementation of the plan. The plan shall include funding recommendations and shall contain detailed explanation of the need for any funding increases. The master plan shall be published in accordance with the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the state publications committee. The provisions of this subdivision (c)(1) shall apply to state technology centers;

(g) The board shall submit a biennial report to the governor and the general assembly, commenting upon major developments, trends, new policies, budgets and financial considerations which in the judgment of the board will be useful to the governor and to the general assembly in planning for the sound and adequate development of the state's program of public higher education. The report shall contain detailed explanation of the need for any funding increases.

The provisions of this subsection shall apply to state technology centers;

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.